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June 30, 2005

Mike Faulkenberry, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Faulkenberry:

Subject: 2005 Operator Qualification Inspection

On June 21 and 22, 2005, Pipeline Safety staff (Staff) representing the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, conducted an inspection of Avista Corporation's (Avista) Operator Qualification Program (OQ).

The review of Avista's OQ Plan, practices, and documentation did not identify any violations of 49 CFR Part 192 Subpart N. It is not to be assumed that this inspection detected all apparent code violations at this time. It is incumbent upon the operator to review its operations to determine whether or not there are other areas of non-compliance.

If you have any questions, please contact Patti Johnson at (360) 664-1266 or (360) 870-4915 and refer to docket number PG-050006 in any future correspondence regarding this inspection.

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Thank you for your cooperation and interest in pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Alan E. Rathbun

Pipeline Safety Director

cc: Bill Baker

Linda Burger

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has the authority to enforce the minimum safety regulations per Chapter 480-93 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) pertaining to the construction, maintenance and operation of pipelines transporting natural gas in the state of Washington. In addition, the Commission adopts the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 49, Part 191 and 192.